

REMARKS

Independent claim 1 calls for displaying a keyboard image on a user interface and moving a data entry area on the interface to display the keyboard image.

Independent claim 1 was rejected over Kanevsky in view of Vale. Neither Kanevsky nor Vale teaches moving a data entry area, much less to display a keyboard image.

Kanevsky describes stripping-down an original version of a web page, so that it may be displayed on a device having a display that is smaller than the screen of a conventional personal computer. Kanevsky, col. 10, lines 39-45. For example, if an object is too large to fit on the display screen, then the object is displayed as a hypertext link to another (newly created) web page where the object can be fully displayed. Kanevsky, col. 11, lines 18-23. In Kanevsky, these objects are not moved on the interface. Instead, the objects are removed from the display screen altogether and replaced by hyperlinks, which may be selected to display the objects in another web page(s).

Vale fails to remedy the failure of Kanevsky to teach or suggest moving a data entry area on the interface. Vale describes receiving user input data into a computer system having a keyboard with a dynamic key that changes its meaning and appearance in response to the user's input data. For instance, after the user selects a character on the keyboard, the character is sent to the prediction engine, so that the prediction engine may predict the next character. Absolutely nothing is cited in Vale that suggests moving a data entry area on the interface.

Moreover, moving a data entry area on the interface has several advantages, such as facilitating data entry by preventing the keyboard image from obscuring data that is entered in the data entry area, in some embodiments. Present patent application, page 7, lines 8-15. A skilled artisan would not reasonably infer that the patentee of Kanevsky is suggesting that in following the Kanevsky disclosure one would facilitate data entry in a data entry area. Kanevsky has nothing to do with data entry. Instead, Kanevsky merely describes removing objects from an original version of a web page and replacing them with hyperlinks.

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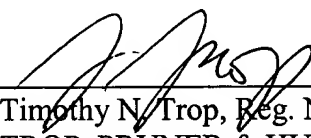
Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 7 and 13 also distinguish over Kanevsky and Vale for reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to independent claim 1.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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